

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

**Tuesday, July 6th, 2010
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of July 1, 2010 to order and welcomed all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on July 6, 2010 with an addition under Other Business I) Closed Session – Personnel Matters. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the June 1, 2010 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Seaford made a motion to adopt the June 15, 2010 budget meeting minutes. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the June 21, 2010 budget amendment meeting minutes. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Timothy Ross Parker – 15 Walnut Street

Mr. Ross stated that there is some curbing that was fixed last year that is now being torn up. He stated that there was some work that he asked about that a while back that needed to be done along N. Harris Street near the ballpark.

Mayor Bringle stated that the railroad is being widened and would wait to see what will happen at that point. He asked Mr. Pless to look into this situation.

Mr. Parker thanked the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Salisbury – Rowan Reads Proclamation

Mr. Pless stated that this is a County-wide reading initiative that the Town participated in last year with Landis. He stated it was a very successful event and they have planned to do it again August 4th. He encouraged the Council to sign up to read to the children or participate.

Mayor Bringle asked the Council to mark their calendars and asked them to adopt the Proclamation for the Rowan Reads program.

Mr. Withers made a motion to adopt the Salisbury-Rowan Reads Proclamation. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance – Set Public Hearing

Mr. Pless stated that they are satisfied with the status of the wording in the ordinance. He stated that Chief Kluttz has given review to the document. He stated that this ordinance is modeled after the Town of Oakboro and went through to make revisions specific to the needs of China Grove. He stated that Mr. Brooke reviewed the document.

Mr. Brooke suggested that there are some stylistic changes needed and more clear definitions needed. He also stated that the Chief should be given permission to reinstate a revoked license.

Mayor Bringle asked to set a Public Hearing after the review is complete by Mr. Brooke and staff.

Chief Kluttz stated that he doesn't see any issues because of the low volume of need for low speed vehicles in China Grove.

Mr. Linn made a motion to set the Public Hearing for the Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance August 3, 2010. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

I) Tatum Street

Mr. Pless stated that they have been in contact with the business owners. He stated that the Council may stand with their previous motion to turn this street into a two-way street.

Mayor Bringle asked about the parking.

Mr. Pless stated that the parking should be fine as long as the parallel parking is removed alongside the buildings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle asked the Council to consider attending the Rowan Municipal Association Meeting July 22, 2010 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Withers stated that they would like to know what their '04 funding is to possibly receive funding from the EDC.

Mr. Overcash asked about the property beside Porky's.

Mr. Pless stated that the bank is now in possession of the property and plan to start marketing the property and hope to see it cleaned up in the process. He stated that if it doesn't progress, they will most likely have to pursue a demolition ordinance lien.

Mr. Withers asked Mr. Pless to arrange for Mr. Cline to be present at next meeting to give an update.

Mr. Upright asked about the sidewalk along Porky's and CGMS as well as the NCDOT inspector situation.

Mr. Pless stated that it will be done before school starts.

Mr. Pless stated that the inspector is in the field and they are looking at the fee situation with Pease.

Mr. Upright asked about the flow of the sidewalk on Centerview Street. He stated that there is no continuity along the end towards Main Street.

Mr. Pless stated that there was sentiment that sidewalk on both sides of the street weren't needed. He stated that there will be crosswalks installed to help people cross the road for the sidewalks.

Mayor Bringle stated that he believed that the road along there did not need sidewalks on both sides. He stated that it congested that area.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Withers made a motion to go into Closed Session. Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mr. Linn asked what the policy is about accidents involving town property.

Mr. Pless stated that there is an Accident Review Board that meets when needed. He stated that the report is given to the Clerk.

Mayor Bringle stated that the Appearance Commission has been working on signs for the entrance into China Grove. He asked Mr. Pless to follow up with this. He stated that he would like to get this finalized.

Mr. Withers asked for a list of all of the Boards to be compiled and sent to the Council.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Pless to update the Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Withers stated that Farmers Day is next Saturday. He stated that there will be a blood drive, the Farmers Market will be set up at the Roller Mill and there will be singing at Hannah Park for Gospel singing to begin at 6:00pm on Friday night. He stated that the opening Ceremony will be at 9:30am on Saturday the 17th. He asked the Council to be present if possible.

Mr. Withers asked that the Park & Recreation Department schedule Singing in the Park events through the end of the year.

ADJOURN

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor